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The Honorable Loretta A. Preska Chief United States District Judge Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007 FAX: (212) 805-7941

Re:

United States v. Raymond Bitar

12 Cr. 529 (LAP)

Dear Judge Preska:

Following a discussion with Your Honor's deputy, the Government writes, on behalf of both parties, to request that the status conference scheduled for April 2, 2013 be adjourned until April 8, 2013 at 3:30p.m. Your Honor's deputy has informed the parties that this date and time would be convenient for the Court. The Government further requests that the time between today and April 8, 2013 be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act so that the parties can continue discussions regarding a disposition of the case. Defense counsel has no objection to this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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